



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 419***

LCO No. 2299



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL AND WELLNESS ENTERPRISE ZONES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) Notwithstanding the  
2 provisions of section 32-70 of the general statutes, any municipality  
3 may, with the approval of the Commissioner of Economic and  
4 Community Development, designate an area surrounding a hospital  
5 within such municipality as a hospital and wellness enterprise zone.  
6 Any such area shall consist of (1) one or two contiguous United States  
7 census tracts, (2) contiguous portions of such census tracts, or (3) a  
8 portion of an individual census tract, as determined in accordance with  
9 the most recent federal decennial census and, if such area is covered by  
10 zoning, a portion of it shall be zoned to allow commercial or industrial  
11 activity.

12       (b) Any municipality seeking the approval of the commissioner for  
13 such designation shall file with the commissioner a preliminary  
14 application. Not later than sixty days after receipt of such preliminary  
15 application, the commissioner shall indicate to the municipality, in

16 writing, any recommendation for improving such municipality's  
17 application. Not later than sixty days after receipt of the  
18 commissioner's written recommendation, the municipality shall file a  
19 final application with the commissioner. Any application filed  
20 pursuant to this subsection shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The  
21 geographic scope of the proposed hospital and wellness enterprise  
22 zone, including designation of all census blocks that such municipality  
23 proposes incorporating into such zone, (2) the economic development  
24 benefits anticipated from the establishment of such zone, including the  
25 nature of business and industry that will be developed and the  
26 anticipated number of jobs created, and (3) the anticipated lost revenue  
27 to the state and municipality as a result of establishing such zone.

28 (c) The commissioner may modify the geographic scope of any  
29 proposed hospital and wellness enterprise zone to improve the balance  
30 between the anticipated economic benefit and the cost to the state and  
31 affected municipality.

32 (d) The commissioner may approve the designation of not more  
33 than six areas as hospital and wellness enterprise zones. The  
34 commissioner may remove the designation of any area he has  
35 approved as a hospital and wellness enterprise zone if such area no  
36 longer meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,  
37 provided no such designation shall be removed less than ten years  
38 after the date that such area no longer meets such criteria.

39 (e) Businesses located within a hospital and wellness enterprise  
40 zone shall be entitled to the same benefits subject to the same  
41 conditions, under the general statutes for which businesses located in  
42 an enterprise zone qualify.

43 (f) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the  
44 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to carry out the  
45 purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a medical holistic enterprise zone program to encourage development around hospitals in the state.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*